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Before calculating the filing fee, please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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C/ 1. (Amended) An isolated [functional] protein capable of interacting with [the cytoplasmic domain of CD40 and/or other] receptors of the TNF superfamily [such as] including the cytoplasmic domain of CD40, CD30 and TNF receptor II [wherein said protein has no homology to TRAF-proteins] said isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence having 70-100% homology to the amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO. 2 or a fragment thereof.